1 A 2
YOU'VE BEEN GOING OUT A LOT LATELY.
SWISH
NOW YOU'RE SUDDENLY GOING ON A TRIP?
I'LL BE AWAY FOR A WEEK.

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FLASH

FWOOSH

BACK WHEN I DEFEATED CERBERUS, I'D JUST MADE IT PAST LEVEL 20.
SINCE THEN, MY LEVEL HAS INCREASED THREEFOLD,

WHICH MEANS I WON'T BE RUNNING INTO AS MANY DIFFICULTIES AS BEFORE.

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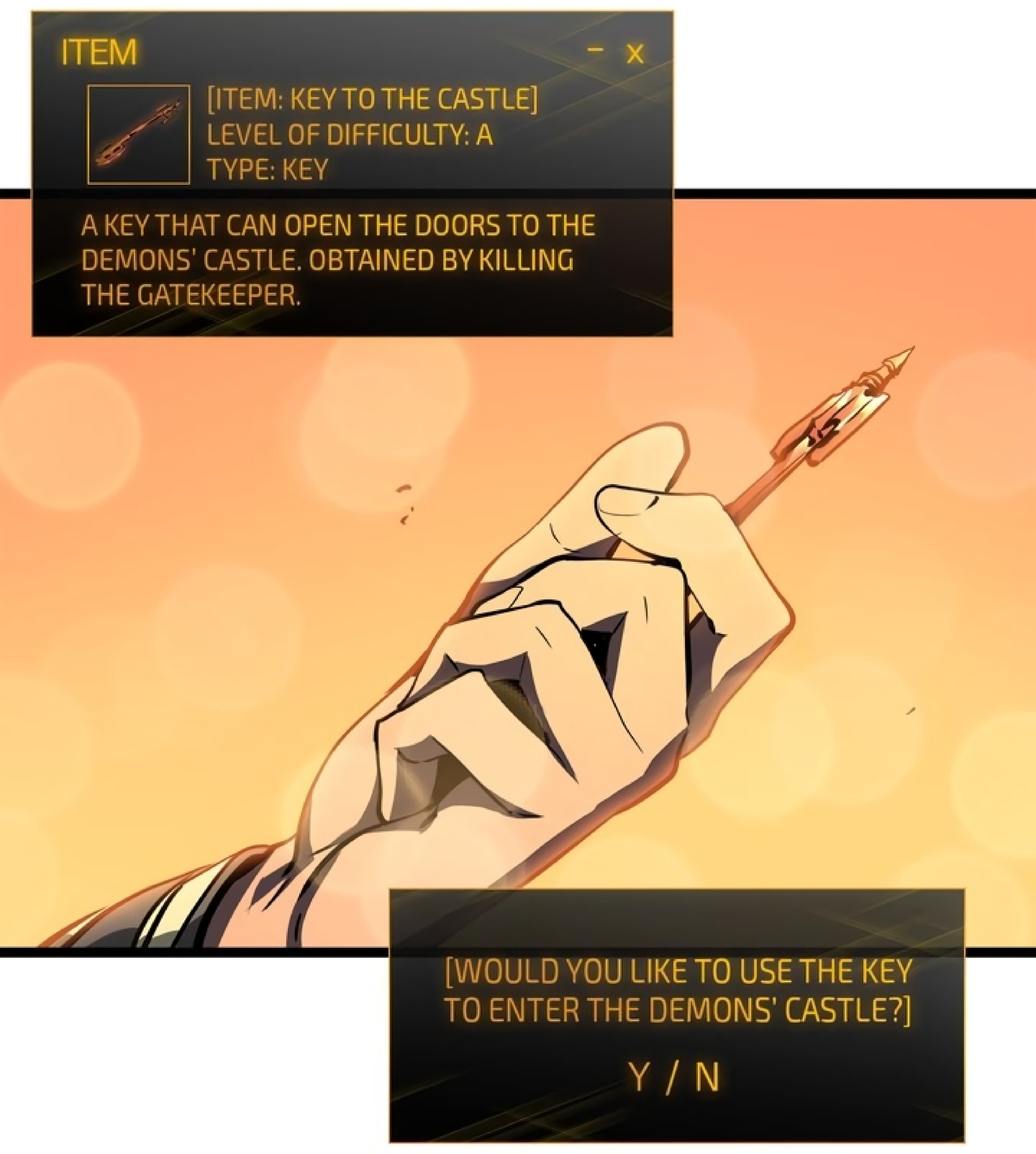

ITEM
[ITEM: KEY TO THE CASTLE]
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: A
TYPE: KEY
A KEY THAT CAN OPEN THE DOORS TO THE DEMONS' CASTLE. OBTAINED BY KILLING THE GATEKEEPER.
[WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE THE KEY TO ENTER THE DEMONS' CASTLE?]
Y / N

CREAK
[YOU HAVE RECEIVED A QUEST.]

WHERE AM I?

THERE DON'T SEEM TO BE ANY MONSTERS HERE... IS THIS JUST A HALLWAY?
IS THAT THE EXIT OVER THERE...?

DING
QUEST
[REGULAR QUEST:

THE DEMONS' CASTLE IS SWARMING WITH DEMONS. YOU WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL REWARD FOR DEFEATING THE DEMONS AND COLLECTING THEIR SOULS.
QUEST REQUIREMENTS:
-COLLECT 10,000 DEMON SOULS
REWARDS:
-1. CHOOSE ANY 1 ITEM FROM THE SHOP
-2. BONUS STATS +20
-3. UNDISCLOSED REWARD
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE MY LAST QUEST.
WOW, THE REWARDS LOOK AWESOME.
BONUS STATS? CHOOSE ANY ONE ITEM FROM THE SHOP?
BOOM
THERE ARE ITEMS IN THE SHOP WORTH OVER 10 BILLION GOLD... IF I COMPLETE THIS QUEST, I'LL BE ABLE TO GET A HOLD OF ONE.
100,000,000 G
BUY
600,000,000 G
BUY
SHOP
2,000,000,000 G
4,000,000,000 G
7,000,000,000 G

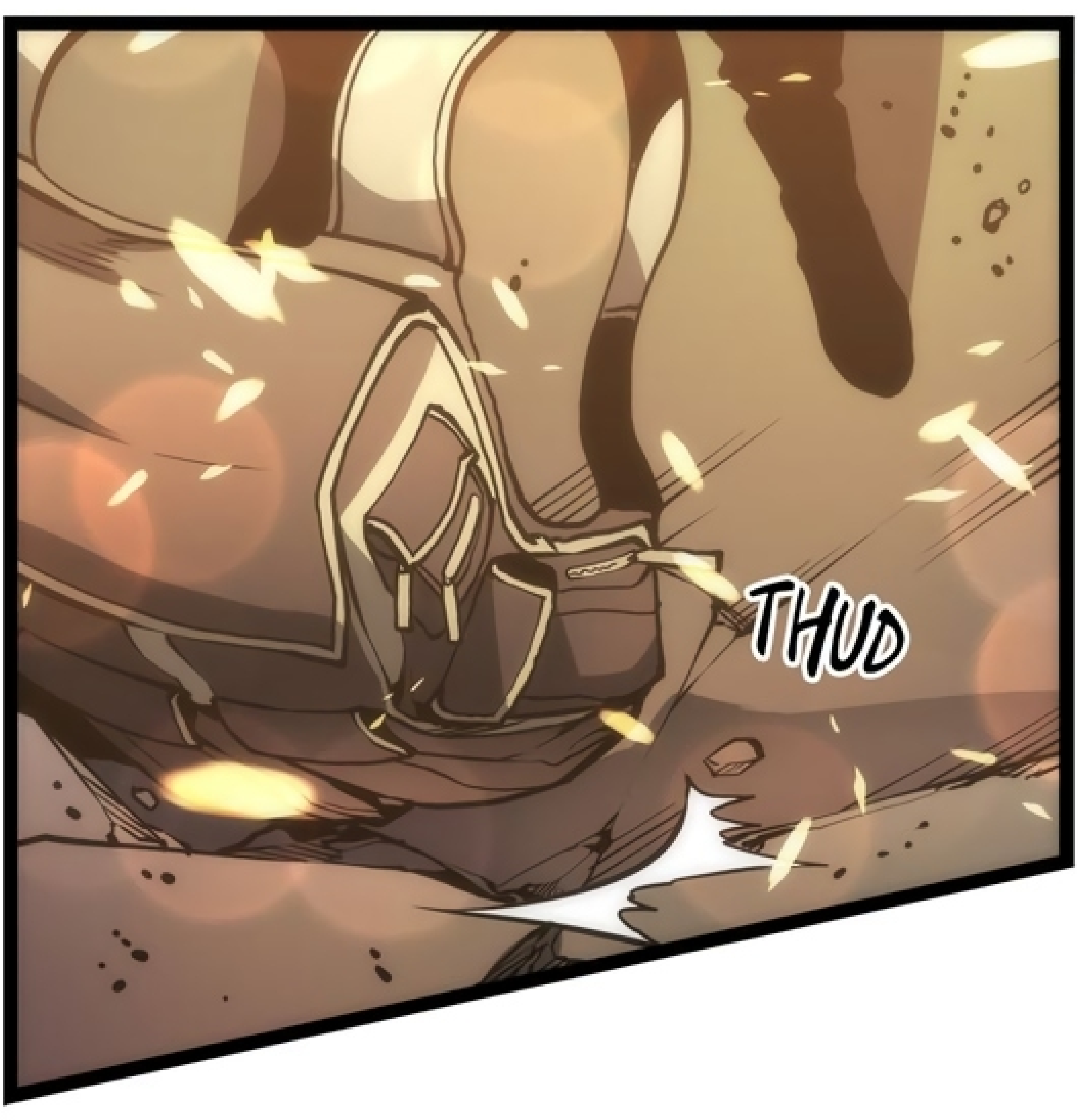
BUT THE FACT THAT THE REWARDS ARE AMAZING MEANS THIS QUEST IS GOING TO BE THAT MUCH HARDER...
CREAK
I DON'T SEE A SINGLE BEAST IN HERE.
...WHAT THE HELL.
IS THIS A FIELD-TYPE DUNGEON?

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO STEP INSIDE ONE HERE.

COULD THIS DUNGEON BE A REPLICA OF SEOUL?

FWOOSH
STEP
STEP
I HAVE TO COLLECT 10 THOUSAND DEMON SOULS...
...WHICH MEANS THERE ARE AT LEAST 10 THOUSAND MAGIC BEASTS INSIDE THIS CASTLE!
[EACH DEMON YOU DEFEAT WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A SINGLE SOUL. HOWEVER, DEMONS WITH MULTIPLE SOULS CAN BE FOUND ON THE UPPER LEVELS OF THE CASTLE.]
I TOLD PEOPLE I WAS GOING ON A TRIP...

BUT I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN FINISH THIS QUEST IN A WEEK...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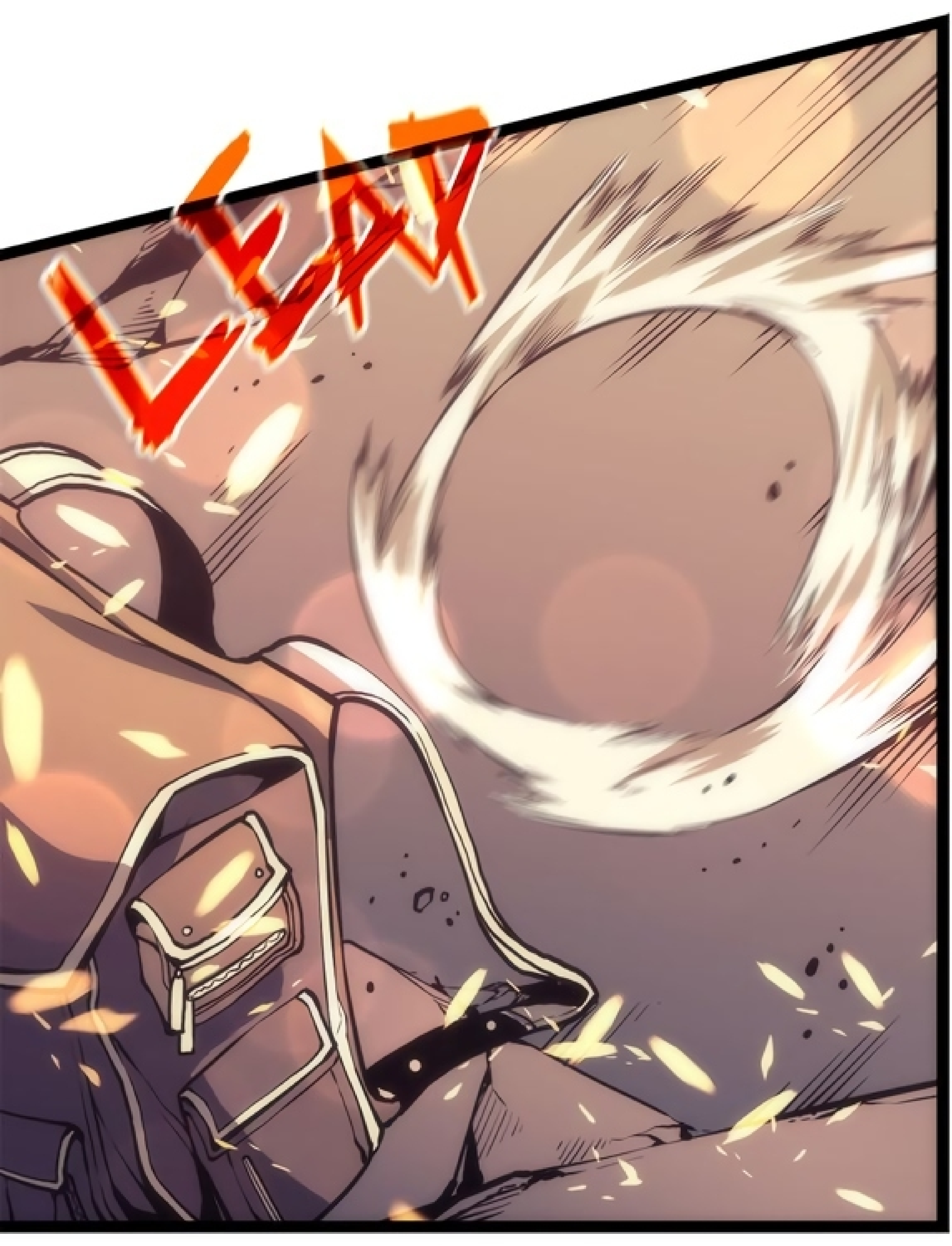
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ROAR
SLASH
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...EVEN THOUGH FIGHTING THEM IS EASY FOR NOW.
[YOU HAVE DEFEATED A LOW-RANKING DEMON.] X 3
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED 100 EXPERIENCE POINTS.] X 3
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED A DEMON'S SOUL.] X 3

[EXPERIENCE POINTS REQUIRED TO LEVEL UP: 59,700]
I GUESS I CAN SEE HOW MANY EXPERIENCE POINTS I HAVE NOW.
THAT'S REALLY CONVENIENT.
THIS IS GOING TO BE A FIGHT AGAINST THE CLOCK!

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SO...
CLACK
...YOU'RE SAYING YOU WANT TO BE THE MASTER OF THE YOOJIN GUILD?
YES, FATHER.

AND THIS IS YOUR GUILD MASTER'S LICENSE AND RAID RECORDS...?
HMM...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE CAN'T DECIDE BETWEEN ME AND MY BROTHER.

I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW THIS, FATHER, BUT IT'S A RISK TO ENTRUST THE POSITION OF GUILD MASTER TO A COMPLETE STRANGER. YOU'D BE HANDING OVER TOO MUCH EXECUTIVE POWER...
THAT'S ENOUGH.

THERE'S SOMEONE I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET.
?
COME IN.
RATTLE
THIS IS GO MYUNGHWAN, A HUNTER.
AH... NICE TO MEET YOU.

HE'S A MEMBER OF THE WHITE TIGER GUILD AND ONE OF THE SURVIVORS OF THE RECENT RED GATE INCIDENT.
...RED GATE INCIDENT?
PLEASE TAKE A SEAT.
REPORTERS HAVE BEEN TRYING SO HARD TO GET A HOLD OF THE SURVIVORS. WHAT'S HE DOING HERE...?!
PLEASE TELL MY SON WHO ELSE WAS THERE THAT DAY, BESIDES THE WHITE TIGER GUILD TRAINEES.
YES, SIR...
WELL,
THERE WAS A YOUNG FEMALE HUNTER WHO LOOKED TO BE A HIGH SCHOOLER...

...AND
SUNG JINWOO.
J, JINWOO
WAS PART OF
THE RED GATE
INCIDENT?
IS THE NAME
OF THAT FEMALE
HUNTER...!
HER NAME IS
HAN SONG-YI.

THE GUILD MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO SAFELY MAKE IT OUT OF THE RED GATE BECAUSE OF SUNG JINWOO.
HA, HAHA...
SO THAT'S WHY THE TWO OF THEM BECAME SO CLOSE ALL OF A SUDDEN...
JINWOO, WHAT DID YOU DO INSIDE THAT GATE?
AT FIRST, I WAS CONFUSED AS TO WHY TWO E-RANK HUNTERS WERE VISITING THE TRAINING GROUNDS FOR OUR NEW HUNTERS, BUT...
I DON'T NEED TO HEAR THE REST.
I KNOW BETTER THAN ANYBODY HOW EXCEPTIONAL HIS SKILLS ARE.
I'M NO LONGER THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT HIS SECRET.
MY NEGOTIATION

WITH FATHER WILL PROBABLY...
I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE WERE ASKED TO KEEP SUNG JINWOO'S EXISTENCE A SECRET.
THE WHITE TIGER GUILD'S DECISION SEEMED RIDICULOUS TO ME.
THAT'S WHEN I GOT A CALL FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND-
SLIDE
MR. GO, YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH EXPLAINING.
JINHO, YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW THAT I'VE BEEN ON THE SEARCH FOR SKILLED HUNTERS.
SO NATURALLY, WHEN I HEARD RUMORS THAT SOMEONE HAD HELPED THE HUNTERS EXIT THE RED GATE, I HAD TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.
HOWEVER,

I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS. THE PERSON I WAS SO DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR JUST HAPPENED TO BE ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF YOUR STRIKE SQUAD...
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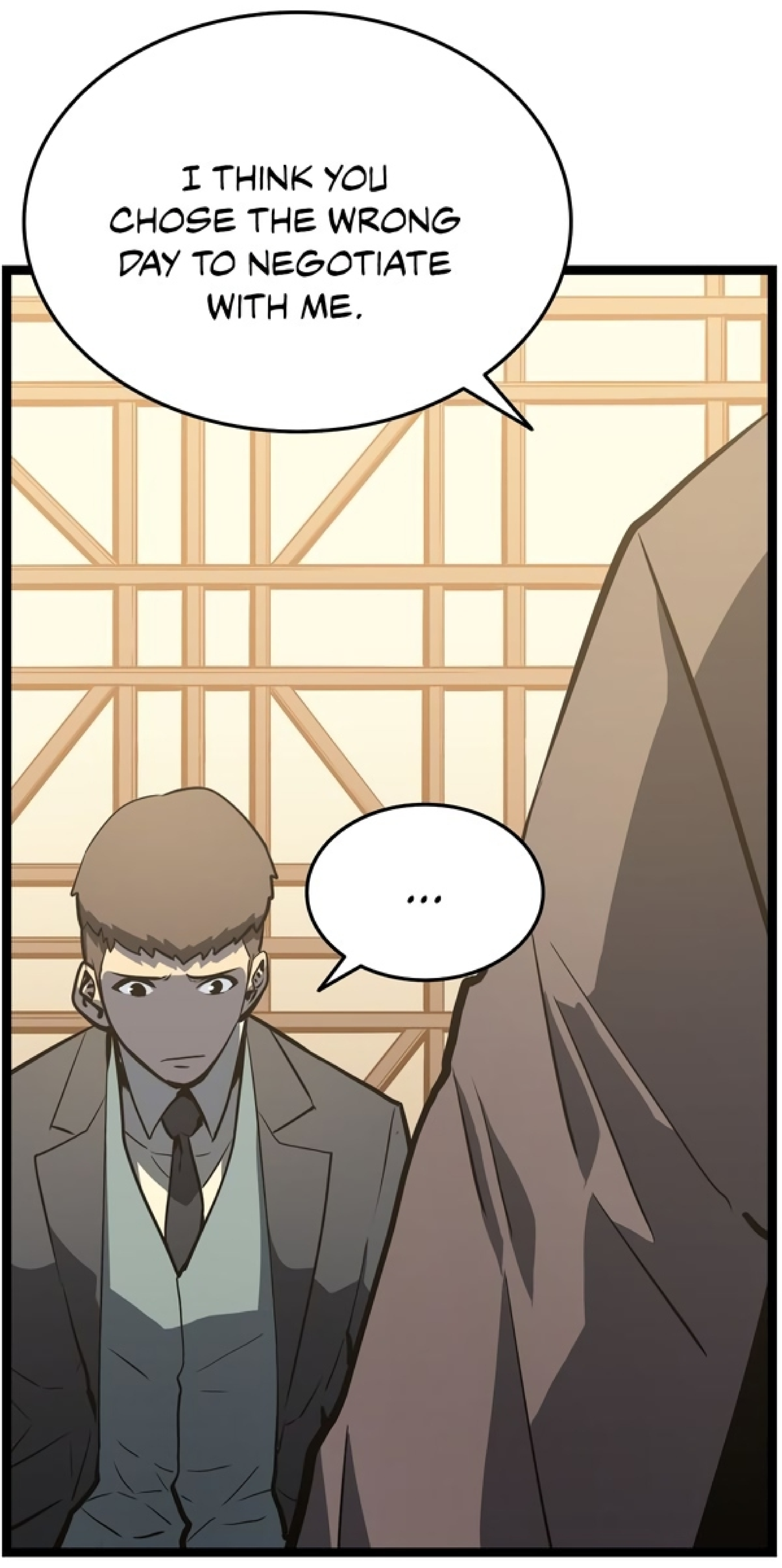
I THINK YOU CHOSE THE WRONG DAY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ME.
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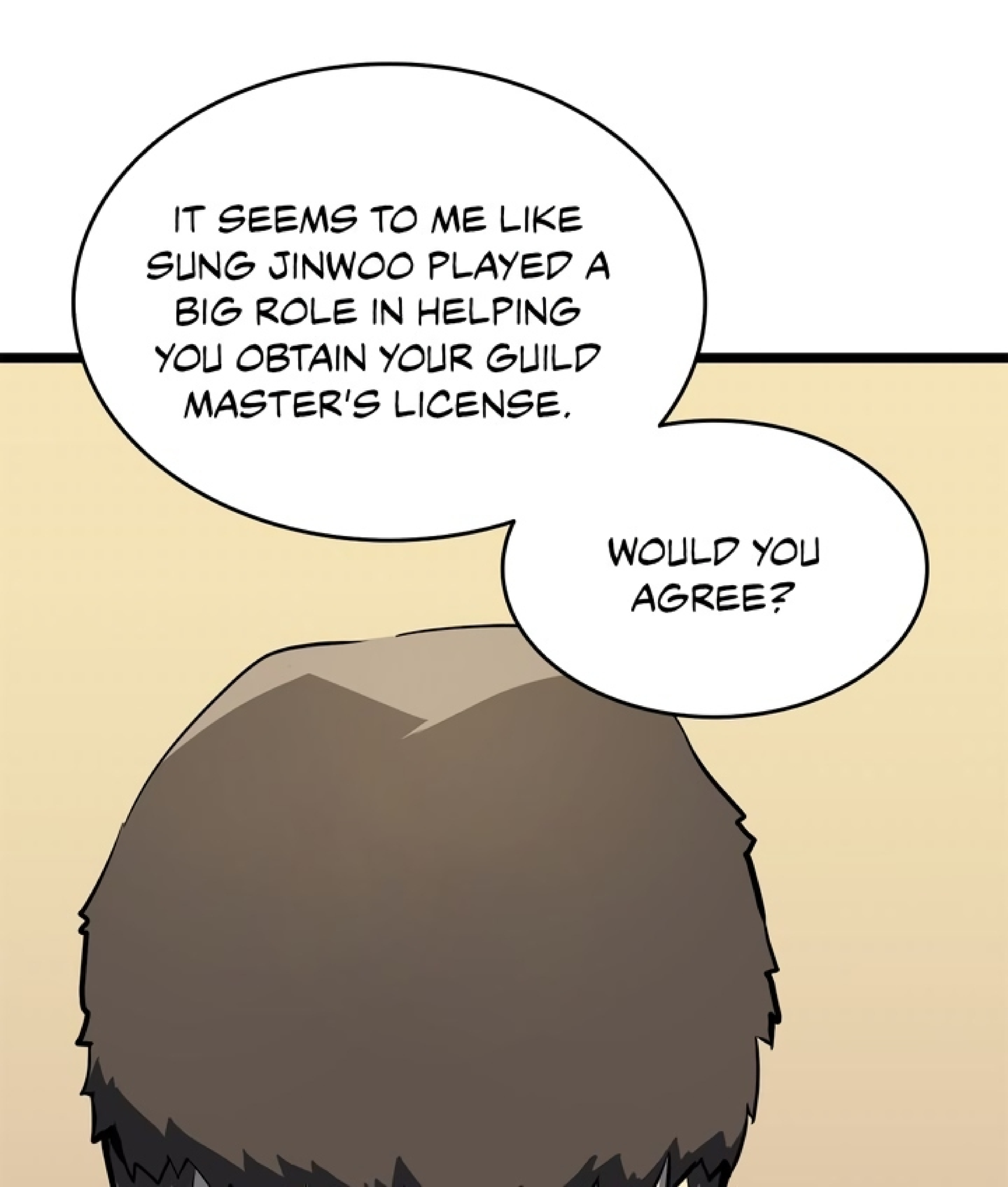

IT SEEMS TO ME LIKE SUNG JINWOO PLAYED A BIG ROLE IN HELPING YOU OBTAIN YOUR GUILD MASTER'S LICENSE.
WOULD YOU AGREE?

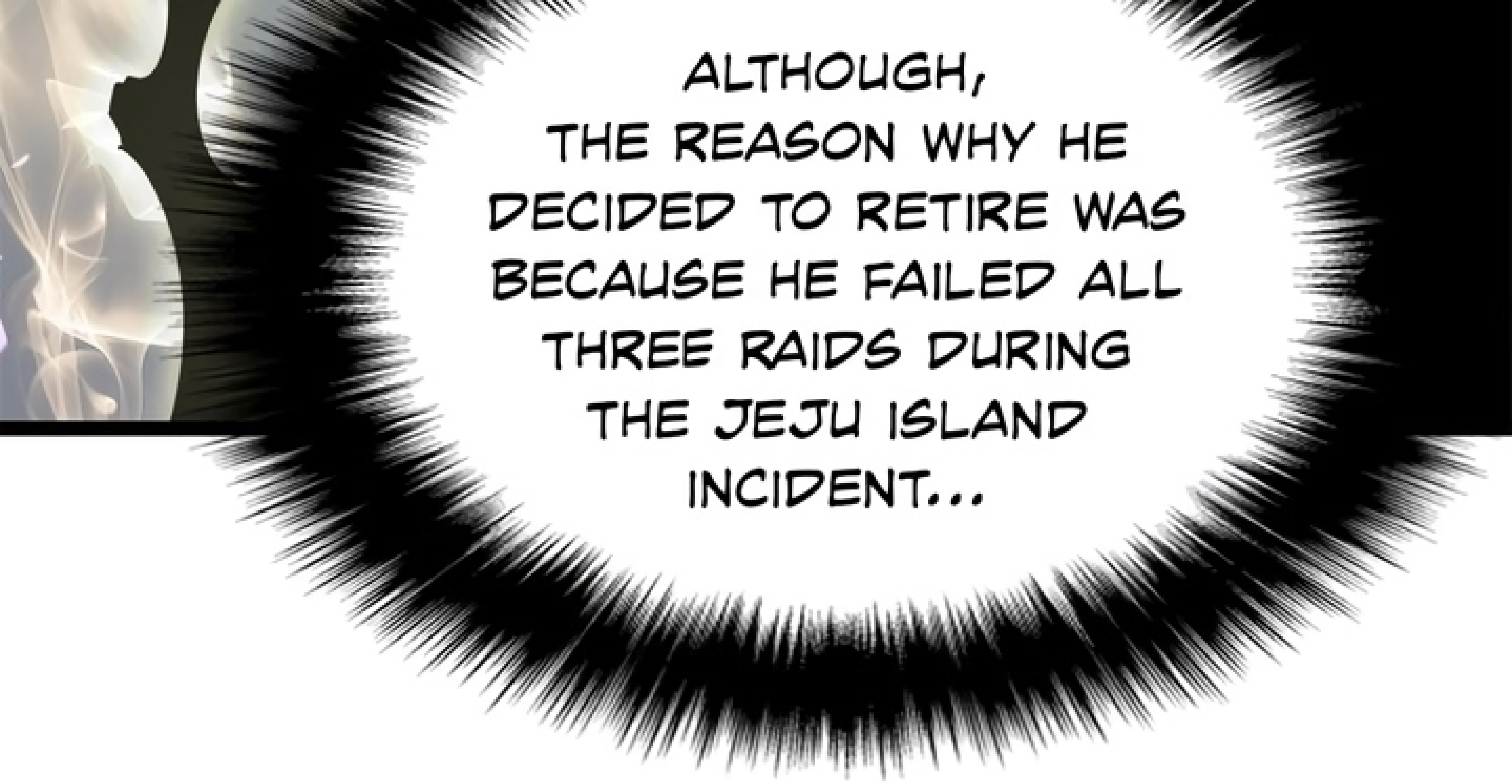
...YES, I AGREE.
SINCE I RECEIVED THE HELP OF ANOTHER HUNTER, I'M NOT NECESSARILY MORE QUALIFIED THAN MY BROTHER.
FATHER PROBABLY THINKS THERE ISN'T ANY MERIT IN CHOOSING ME OVER HIM!
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY?
STILL!
PLEASE...

...LET ME RUN THE YOOJIN GUILD.
ALL RIGHT.
...

WHAT?
I'LL LET YOU TAKE OVER THE YOOJIN GUILD.
WHY...?
YOU SAID SO YOURSELF.
IT'D BE A RISK TO LET A STRANGER HAVE CONTROL OVER THE GUILD.
WHY TAKE THAT RISK WHEN I CAN JUST LEAVE IT IN YOUR HANDS?
B, BUT I TRIED TO DECEIVE YOU AND-
WHAT KIND OF IDIOT HIGHLIGHTS THEIR FAULTS AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE?

WILL YOU BE ABLE TO GET...
...SUNG JINWOO TO JOIN OUR GUILD?
I'VE WORKED SO HARD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY...
I'LL TRY, FATHER.
THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE.

ALL RIGHT, GOOD.
I'VE CONTACTED TWO S-RANK HUNTERS IN HOPES OF RECRUITING THEM INTO THE YOOJIN GUILD.
CHA HAE-IN OF THE HUNTERS GUILD AND THE RETIRED HUNTER, MIN BYUNG-GU.
ALTHOUGH AN EXCELLENT HUNTER, CHA HAE-IN WILL ALWAYS REMAIN A VICE MASTER, OVERSHADOWED BY CHOI JONG-IN, ALSO KNOWN AS "THE ULTIMATE HUNTER."
SO I'VE OFFERED HER THE POSITION OF GUILD MASTER. IT WOULD DEFINITELY APPEAL TO HER, AS WE ARE A FINANCIALLY STRONG GUILD.
AS FOR MIN BYUNG-GU, HE RETIRED EVEN THOUGH HE WAS IN PERFECT HEALTH, SO HE SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF WORKING AS A HUNTER AGAIN.


ALTHOUGH,
THE REASON WHY HE DECIDED TO RETIRE WAS BECAUSE HE FAILED ALL THREE RAIDS DURING THE JEJU ISLAND INCIDENT...

THE CORPSE OF AN ANT WAS RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN JAPAN.
IN THE EVENT THAT A FOURTH JEJU ISLAND RAID IS FORMED,
WE WOULD BE ABLE TO RECRUIT HIM.
WILL I BE ABLE TO RECRUIT THESE TWO HUNTERS FIRST?
OR WILL YOU BE ABLE TO RECRUIT SUNG JINWOO BEFORE THEN?

ITEM

[ITEM: LOW-RANKING DEMON'S HORN]
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: NONE
TYPE: MISCELLANEOUS

TWO SMALL HORNS FROM THE HEAD OF A LOW-RANKING DEMON. A DEMON'S HORN IS ONE OF THE INGREDIENTS USED FOR ADVANCED MAGIC SPELLS, SO THEY ARE SOLD AT A HIGH PRICE.

To Be Continued...

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